

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460



EXTERNAL CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE OFFICE  
OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

November 4, 2019

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**In Reply Refer to:**

EPA Complaint No. 01R-20-R4

David A. Ludder  
9150 McDougal Court  
Tallahassee, FL 32312-4208

**Re: Acknowledgement of Administrative Complaint**

Dear Mr. Ludder:

This letter is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), External Civil Rights Compliance Office (ECRCO), received your correspondence on October 31, 2019, alleging discrimination based on race in violation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 involving Alabama Department of Environmental Management.

ECRCO is responsible for processing and resolving complaints alleging discrimination by programs or activities that receive financial assistance from the EPA. ECRCO will review the correspondence in light of EPA's nondiscrimination regulation to determine whether it is a complaint that falls within ECRCO's jurisdiction. Once this jurisdictional review is completed, ECRCO will notify you as to whether it will accept the complaint for investigation, or reject, or refer the complaint to another Federal agency.

In the interim, if you have any questions about the status of this correspondence, please contact me by telephone at (202) 564-4174 or by email at [rhines.dale@epa.gov](mailto:rhines.dale@epa.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dale Rhines", is written over a horizontal line.

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